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9. (Amended) A method according to Claim 1, further including the step of storing and using information regarding the particular documents requested by a user in response to a query by remembering the most commonly requested document for a given query and presenting this document first in response to the same query in the future.

10. (Amended) A method according to Claim 1, further including the steps of analyzing the number of documents which have been found as a function of the number of third party search engines queried, and computing the estimated size of the third party search engines and the estimated size of the document base which the third party search engines index.

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84. (Amended) The method of Claim 82, further including the step of displaying summary information regarding the documents found and processed, the summary information being separately identified for each search engine.

85. (Amended) The method of Claim 5, wherein the step of clustering comprises for each processed document the steps of:

- (a) for  $n = 1$  to MaximumPhraseLength, for each set of successive  $n$  words, if this combination of words has not already appeared in this document, then add the set to a hash table for this document and a hash table for all documents;
- (b) for  $n = \text{MaximumPhraseLength}$  to 1, find the most common phrases of length  $n$ , to a maximum of MaxN phrases, which occurred more than MinN times, and add these phrases to the set of clusters;
- (c) find the most common combination of two clusters from the previous step, to a maximum of maxC combinations, for which the combination occurred in individual documents at least MinC times;